

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Critical Health Problems and  
5 Comprehensive Health Education Act is amended by changing  
6 Section 3 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 110/3) (from Ch. 122, par. 863)

8 Sec. 3. Comprehensive Health Education Program. The  
9 program established under this Act shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, the following major educational areas as a basis  
11 for curricula in all elementary and secondary schools in this  
12 State: human ecology and health, human growth and  
13 development, the emotional, psychological, physiological,  
14 hygienic and social responsibilities of family life,  
15 including sexual abstinence until marriage, prevention and  
16 control of disease, including instruction in grades 6 through  
17 12 on the prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS, public  
18 and environmental health, consumer health, safety education  
19 and disaster survival, mental health and illness, personal  
20 health habits, alcohol, drug use, and abuse including the  
21 medical and legal ramifications of alcohol, drug, and tobacco  
22 use, abuse during pregnancy, sexual abstinence until  
23 marriage, tobacco, nutrition, and dental health.  
24 Notwithstanding the above educational areas, the following  
25 areas may also be included as a basis for curricula in all  
26 elementary and secondary schools in this State: basic first  
27 aid (including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary  
28 resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver), early prevention  
29 and detection of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and  
30 the prevention of child abuse, neglect, and suicide. The  
31 school board of each public elementary and secondary school

1 in the State shall encourage all teachers and other school  
2 personnel to acquire, develop, and maintain the knowledge and  
3 skills necessary to properly administer life-saving  
4 techniques, including without limitation the Heimlich  
5 maneuver and rescue breathing. The training shall be in  
6 accordance with standards of the American Red Cross, the  
7 American Heart Association, or another nationally recognized  
8 certifying organization. A school board may use the services  
9 of non-governmental entities whose personnel have expertise  
10 in life-saving techniques to instruct teachers and other  
11 school personnel in these techniques. Each school board is  
12 encouraged to have in its employ, or on its volunteer staff,  
13 at least one person who is certified, by the American Red  
14 Cross or by another qualified certifying agency, as qualified  
15 to administer first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.  
16 In addition, each school board is authorized to allocate  
17 appropriate portions of its institute or inservice days to  
18 conduct training programs for teachers and other school  
19 personnel who have expressed an interest in becoming  
20 qualified to administer emergency first aid or  
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. School boards are urged to  
22 encourage their teachers and other school personnel who coach  
23 school athletic programs and other extracurricular school  
24 activities to acquire, develop, and maintain the knowledge  
25 and skills necessary to properly administer first aid and  
26 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with standards  
27 and requirements established by the American Red Cross or  
28 another qualified certifying agency. No pupil shall be  
29 required to take or participate in any class or course on  
30 AIDS or family life instruction if his parent or guardian  
31 submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or  
32 participate in the course or program shall not be reason for  
33 suspension or expulsion of the pupil.

34 Curricula developed under programs established in

1 accordance with this Act in the major educational area of  
2 alcohol and drug use and abuse shall include classroom  
3 instruction in grades 5 through 12. The instruction, which  
4 shall include matters relating to both the physical and legal  
5 effects and ramifications of drug and substance abuse, shall  
6 be integrated into existing curricula; and the State Board of  
7 Education shall develop and make available to all elementary  
8 and secondary schools in this State instructional materials  
9 and guidelines which will assist the schools in incorporating  
10 the instruction into their existing curricula. In addition,  
11 school districts may offer, as part of existing curricula  
12 during the school day or as part of an after school program,  
13 support services and instruction for pupils or pupils whose  
14 parent, parents, or guardians are chemically dependent.

15 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
17 July 1, 2001.